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AMENDMENT

Responsive to the Office Action, dated October 2, 2002, please amend the application as follows.

In the Specification:

On page 5, please replace the paragraph beginning on line 7, with the following paragraph:

The device 10 then takes incoming frames or an incoming frame of the image with the foreground objects as the input image in step 12. For digital cameras, the input image would be that one image captured by the image input device. The input devices that are video images may capture one or more frames to use as the input image or in the input image analysis.--

In the Claims

1. (Once amended) A method for background replacement in image capture systems, the method comprising:
- recording a background of an image with no foreground object with an image capture device;
 - using said image capture device to capture an input image having a foreground object;

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